

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8, 10, 12-21, 23-25, 27, 29, 31, and 33 are pending in the present application. By this Response, claims 1, 8, 12-14, 21, 24, and 25 are amended and claims 28, 30, 32, and 34 are canceled. Claims 1, 8, 12-14, 21, 24, and 25 are amended to incorporate the Examiner indicated allowable subject matter of claims 28, 30, 32, and 34. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank Examiner Amsbury for indicating the subject matter of claims 2-7, 10, 15-20, 23, and 27-34 allowable. By this response, claims 1, 8, 12-14, 21, 24, and 25 are amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 28, 30, 32, and 34. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submits that claims 1-8, 10, 12-21, 23-25, 27, 29, 31, and 33 are allowable and the subject application is now in condition for allowance.

II. Objection to Claims

The Office states that claims 2-7, 10, 15-20, 23, and 27-34 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, the claims have been rewritten to overcome this objection.

III. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the prior art of record and is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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